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RE: Docket 2005-210-E; Application of Duke Energy Corporation for Authorization to Enter into a Business Combination Transaction with Cinergy Corporation  
**Notice of Intent to Consummate Merger; and**  
**Notice of Implementation of Merger, including Name Change; and**  
**Notice of Proposed Plan to Implement Tariffs/Forms Changes**  
(Informational Filing)

Dear Messrs. Terreni and Scott:

Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"), through counsel, hereby provides notice, relevant to the above referenced Docket. (Please reference Order No. 2005-684, issued on December 7, 2005 [ "MERGER ORDER" ] in the above referenced Docket, and Order No. 2005-691, issued on December 8, 2005 [ "CLARIFICATION ORDER" ] also in above referenced Docket)

Duke has now obtained all necessary state and federal approvals required to complete the Merger. Accordingly, Duke has scheduled a closing in the Merger for, Saturday, April 1, 2006.

Thereafter, Duke will finalize the Merger consistent with the above referenced Orders, and the effective date of the Merger will be April 1, 2006. Specifically, and pursuant to the Clarification Order, Duke will be known as;

Duke Power Company LLC  
d/b/a Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

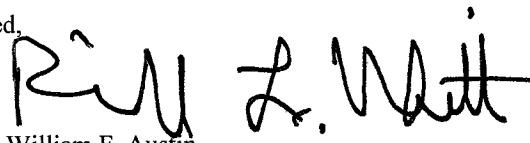
Additionally, Duke Holding Corp. will become Duke Energy Corporation.

Consistent with the Merger Order, Duke will implement a rate decrement effective on June 1, 2006. Additionally, Duke will need to change and conform existing tariffs/forms to the new name shown hereinabove. Rather than file revised tariffs reflecting the name change in April 2006, and subsequently filing revised tariffs reflecting the rate decrement in June 2006, Duke will file revised tariffs reflecting both in June 2006.

In our opinion, the Merger Order and the Clarification Order permit the actions described hereinabove and further Commission approval is not required. Therefore this filing is made for informational purposes only.

If either of you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned

Respectfully Submitted,



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